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Dear Mr. West

Your request of June 26, 2003, for a Suspension of Production (SOP) for lease OCS Y-1585 is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 250.168 and section XVII Leases and Contracts Conformed and Extended section 17.2[c] of the Liberty Unit Agreement. The SOP is effective through December 15, 2004. This SOP replaces the current SOP that was approved by the Minerals Management Services (MMS) on May 24, 2002.

During the period of this SOP, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc. (BPXA) plans to conduct activities as necessary to develop a comprehensive Development and Production Plan (DPP) (30 CFR 250.201) and submit a revised DPP (30 CFR 250.177) for the Liberty prospect. BPXA must provide this office with periodic progress reviews which summarize work efforts leading to the submission of the Liberty DPP.

The MMS concludes that granting this SOP is in the national interest and will prevent waste and conserve resources. Your request for the SOP is based on a reasonable schedule of work and a commitment to production (30 CFR 250.171).

Sincerely,

Jeff Walker
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

cc: Minerals Revenue Management
R. L. Skillern, BPXA

